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SUBJ: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES PROGRAM IN SUDAN

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CRS, NEW YORK, WILL BE REQUESTING DEPT PERMISSION RELEASE TO GOS FOUR 1961 REO TRUCKS (THREE OPERATIONAL) ASSIST CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS JUBA AREA. OBTAINED FROM 1972 USG/ORM GRANT \$250,000 FOR REFUGEE REPATRIATION FROM MILITARY SURPLUS. TRUCKS NO LONGER REQUIRED CRS OPERATIONS AS TRANSPORT FLEET NOW SUPPLEMENTD BY SIX LATER MODEL BEDFORDS WHICH MORE ECONOMICAL. CRS ALSO PLANS TURN OVER REO WRECKER BUT RETAIN THREE FUEL TANKERS AND ONE NON-OPERATIONAL TRUCK FOR SPARES WHICH ALSO OBTAINED UNDER ABOVE US GRANT. CRS REP JUBA HAS CLEARED THIS PROPOSAL WITH EMBASSY AND WE RECOMMEND DEPT APPROVAL.

2. EMBASSY ALSO ENDORSES CRS REQUEST SUBMITTED THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS FOR ADDITIONAL \$10,000 SUPPLEMENTAL ORM GRANT FOR PROCUREMENT ADDITIONAL FUEL SUPPLIES FROM EAST AFRICA REQUIRED MAINTIAN ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR PROGRAM. FUEL SITUATION CONTINUES CRITICAL THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN REGION WITH VERY LIMITED SUPPLIES AND ONLY ONE STATION OPERATING EQUATORIA FOR CIVIL PURPOSES. RECOMMEND DEPT APPROVAL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT REQUEST.

3. CRS ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDS CONTINUED AUTHORIZATION SHIPMENTS PL 480 COMMODITIES VIA EAST AFRICA IN LIEU CHANGE TO PORT SUDAN WHICH THEIR HEADQUARTERS ADVISES AID/DEPARTMENT NOW URGING. THIS REQUEST IN LINE NEW WFP POLICY ROUTING ALL FOOD

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COMMODITIES SOUTHERN PROJECTS THROUGH MOMBASSA AS EXCEPTIONAL

CASE DUE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES AND PERSISTENT DELAYS PORT SUDAN WHICH SERIOUSLY DISRUPT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. AAO/EMBASSY CONCUR AND RECOMMEND AID CONTACT VOLAGS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES OBTAIN VIEWS AND ADOPT COMMON UNIFORM POLICY COVERING TRANSPORT ALL FOOD COMMODITIES SUDAN SOUTHERN REGION THROUGH EAST AFRICA.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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